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Bryan's Running Mate.

John W. Kern of Indiana, Nominated by Acclamation--Something About Candidate for Vice President.

Denver, Col., July 10.—The Democratic national convention concluded its labors late this afternoon by the nomination of John Worth Kern, of Indiana, for Vice President, completing the ticket on which William J. Bryan was made the nominee for President during the early hours of this morning. The nomination of Kern was made by acclamation amid the resounding cheers of delegates and spectators. No ballot was necessary as the tide of sentiment had set irresistibly toward the Indiana statesman, State after State registering their votes in his favor and all other candidates withdrawing before the universal demand for his nomination.

The convention after adjourning at daylight with the nomination of Mr. Bryan, resumed its session at 1 p. m., with a powerful undercurrent already in motion toward the nomination of Kern for the second place. On the call of States Indiana presented the name of Kern; Colorado through former Governor Thomas placed in nomination Charles A. Towne, of New York; Connecticut placed Archibald McNeil, and Georgia, Clark Howell.

The names of Judge George Gray, of Delaware, and of John Mitchell, of Illinois, were not presented, owing to the explicit requests of these gentlemen not to have their names go before the convention.

For a time it looked as though a ballot would be required. But the steady line of States which joined in seconding Kern's nomination soon made it apparent that the chances of all other candidates had been extinguished. Mr. Towne in person was the first candidate to recognize the decisive nature of the Kern movement and in ringing speech withdrew his name and pledged his support to the ticket of Bryan and Kern. Withdrawals quickly followed from the supporters of Howell, of Georgia, and McNeil, of Connecticut, leaving the Indiana candidate alone in the field.

The withdrawal of the Connecticut candidate was accompanied by a motion that the nomination of Kern be made by acclamation. The motion was carried with a deafening shout and the great assemblage broke into clamorous demonstration on the the accomplishment of its work and the completion of the Democratic national ticket.

Who Kern Is.

Indianapolis, Ind. July 10.—John W. Kern was born December 20th, 1849, at the village of Alto, Howard county, Indiana. His father, Dr. Jacob W. Kern,

was a Virginian by birth who removed to Shelby county, Indiana, in 1836, and lived there until 1846, when he moved into the northern country.

John Kern's mother was Nancy Ligett, and she and Dr. Kern were married in Warren county, Ohio. In 1854, when John was five years old, the family removed to Warren county, Indiana. About that time he went to Iowa and until he was 15 years old he did not see a railroad train. The family moved back to Howard county in 1864. In the 60's while still in Iowa, Mrs. Kern died. Two children were left, John and his sister, who is now Mrs. Isaac Engel, of Daleville, Va. He was educated in the district schools and he continued this education by attending the Indiana normal school of Kokomo, Ind., riding horseback ten miles each way every day. Later he taught school near Alto. He earned money to enter Ann Arbor, graduating from the law department of Michigan University in 1869. He immediately began practicing in Kokomo, Ind. He was "drafted" when he was 21 years old to make the race for the Legislature in the Republican county of Howard, but was defeated. He was chosen city attorney of Kokomo for six terms over Republican aspirants. In 1884 he was elected reporter of the Supreme Court. Since then Indianapolis has been his home where he has practiced law. He has worked in every campaign, served the country in the Legislature and was the leader of his party in the State Senate. He was city attorney under the last two administrations of Mayor Thomas Taggart from October, 1897, to October, 1901. In 1900 he was nominated for Governor but was defeated. Before the St. Louis convention of four years ago Mr. Kern's name had been prominently mentioned among the vice presidential possibilities.

Union County, N. C., Farmer Murdered While Asleep by Burglars.

Charlotte, N. C., July 11.—Lying on his own bed, weltering in blood from a gunshot wound in his side and the bed clothing in flames, John Morris, a wealthy farmer of Union county, was found by his wife in the bedroom of his home at Weddington at 3 o'clock this morning. Two unknown white men rushed out of the house just as Mrs. Morris was awakened by the report of the gun and made good their escape. Neighbors of the Morris are suspected. The wife snatched up the burning bedding and extinguished the flames, reaching her husband just as he expired. The murder was done with Morris's own gun and forty dollars in cash was missing from his bed room.

Use DeWitt's Little Early Risers, pleasant little pills that are easy to take. Sold by all druggists.

Attacked Husband With Axe and Then Tried to Jump in Well.

Winston-Salem special in Monday's Charlotte Observer: In a fit of insanity Mrs. Thomas V. Pfaff, of 922 Academy street, Salem, attempted to take the life of her husband by striking him a terrific blow on the side of the head with an axe while he lay asleep about 8 o'clock this morning, and afterwards tried to commit suicide by jumping into a well in the yard. She was on the verge of making the descent to the bottom of the well and eternity when Mr. Pfaff, who had partially recovered from the effects of the blow, arrived. She had both feet in the opening at the top of the well and was ready to make the fatal leap when she was caught by Mr. Pfaff, who immediately called for help. Several neighbors rushed to his assistance and the woman was carried back into the house.

Several Drowned at Baltimore.

Baltimore, July 12.—Five men are known to have been drowned and three women and a man are believed to have met a like fate this evening, when a very severe wind and rain storm passed over the harbor of this city. Eight men in a row boat were endeavoring to reach Fort McHenry when one of them, Peter Dietrich, terrified by the storm, while attempting to leap overboard, upset the boat. He, William DeLacour, Joseph Lohnmiller and Edward Simmons were drowned. The others righted the boat and reached the fort safely.

Hartsville R. R. Agt. Missing.

Hartsville special in Monday's State: William P. Woodward, agent for the Atlantic Coast Line railroad in this city, disappeared last evening immediately after an official of the American Surety company of New York caused a warrant to be issued for his arrest, charging him with having embezzled \$6,000 belonging to the railroad company. The alleged shortage was discovered by Traveling Auditor Sinclair, who has not yet completed his examination of the accounts of this agency. The accused has been connected with the railroad company here for 15 years, during which time he enjoyed an excellent reputation.

Young Man Killed by Lightning.

Harrisburg, Pa., July 12.—Roy Spencer, aged 19 years, of Steelton and Earl Paxton, about the same age, were rowing across the Susquehanna river in a steel skiff when a bolt of lightning struck Spencer, killing him instantly. Paxton was not badly hurt.

Mrs. S. T. Blackmon and children left Friday last to spend the summer in the country—in the Primus section.

Girl Mourned as Dead Returns After Six Years' Absence.

Winston-Salem, N. C., special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Mourned for dead six years, Ellen Myers, the 13 year-old granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowling, who reside near the Winston Furniture Company, returned here on the late train last night from Reidsville, to which place she was spirited six years ago. The girl's parents died some years ago and she was residing with her grand-parents when some one, whose name has not been learned, spirited her away to Reidsville, where she resided for a few years until the treatment she was accorded became so cruel that she ran away and went to Danville, where she resided for some time.

Negro Boy Cuts Another With Broken Bottle.

Camden special in Monday's Columbia Record: Last week a serious and what might prove fatal cutting scrape occurred behind the dispensary. Two small young negro boys, Eddie Doby and Mangie Ross, became involved in a dispute about an empty whiskey bottle, and as a result of the unpleasantness, Doby cut Ross across the abdomen with a ragged bottle, severing the intestines in two places. Doby is in jail and Mangie is receiving medical attention from two physicians, but is in a very serious condition.

Cheraw Man Assaulted in Columbia.

Monday's State: J. D. Ponds, a young white man, who hails from Cheraw and who took advantage of the cheap rates to come to Columbia for a good time, occupied a cell at the police station last night, with a badly bruised head. A disturbance in the Merchants' and Mechanics' "club" on Washington street yesterday afternoon attracted the attention of a police officer and an investigation was made. Ponds was brought out of the club with much blood in evidence about his head and face and Albert Hiller, manager of the M. and M. club, was arrested, charged with the assault upon Ponds.

Killed Over Card Game.

Bennettsville special in Monday's State: Oliver Edwards, colored, was shot and almost instantly killed in Bennettsville last night by Frank Barr, also colored.

It seems that these two negroes, with others, were gambling in the moonlight near the water tank on the Atlantic Coast Line railroad, opposite the mill. Edwards accused Barr of passing a soda water ticket for a 25 cent piece. A dispute followed and Barr shot Edwards in the breast, just above the pit of the stomach, with a .32 calibre pistol.

Tried to Jump From Fast Train.

Columbia special in yesterday's Charlotte Observer: Near Lugoff station about 35 miles north of Columbia a white man created quite a stir among the passengers of the Seaboard's northbound train late last night by attempting to jump from the moving train going at a speed of about 40 miles an hour. He was dressed like a man in good circumstances, but appeared to lose his head when the conductor caught him attempting to beat his way and notified him he would have to get off at the next stop. He did not wait for the next stop but soon as the conductor was out of sight made a dive through the window. Fellow passengers caught his wrists as he was passing out and he was hauled back into the train. He gladly left the train at Lugoff and nothing more was heard of him. He refused to give his name.

Labor Vote for Bryan.

Fairview, Lincoln., July 13.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, will support William J. Bryan in the coming presidential campaign. In political circles today this announcement overshadowed all others, even the arrival of John W. Kern, the vice presidential nominee.

Fire in Mill Village.

Spartanburg special in Monday's State: A fire entailing a loss of about \$16,000 occurred in the Spartanburg mill village today, destroying completely three store buildings with heavy stocks of goods and two dwelling houses. There was about \$5,000 insurance on the property destroyed.

Notice to Farmers Union.

The State Convention of the South Carolina State Farmers' Union will convene in the House of Representatives hall in Columbia on Wednesday, July 22, at 8.15 p. m. Where the county Union is formed, the basis of representation is one delegate at large and one delegate for every hundred members or majority fraction. Where there is no county organization each local is entitled to one delegate. If you have not already done so, have a called meeting and elect your delegates. Application has been made to the railroads for reduced rates. Please ask for that rate, and where you cannot get it, please ask the agent for a certificate.

B. Harris,
Pres. S. C. State Union.

"Health Coffee" is really the closest Coffee imitation ever yet produced. This clever coffee substitute was recently produced by Dr. Shoop of Racine, Wis. Not a grain of real coffee in it, either. Dr. Shoop's Health Coffee is made from pure toasted grains, with malt, nuts, etc. Really it would fool an expert—who might drink it for coffee. No 20 or 30 minutes tedious boiling; "Made in a minute," says the doctor; sold by Bennett Grocery Co.